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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REPLY TO RAMGOOLAM LETTER

REF: PORT LOUIS 809 AND FOLLOWING

1. FOLLOWING IS PRESIDENTIAL REPLY TO LETTER OF SEPTEMBER 17 FROM PRIME MINISTER RAMGOOLAM ON SUBJECT OF NAMIBIA. RAMGOOLAM LETTER (COPY BEING POUCHED) WAS VERY SUPPORTIVE OF US EFFORTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA BUT EMPLOYED STRONG LANGUAGE ON NAMIBIA PARALLELING THAT WHICH HE USED IN UNGA.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER: I SHARE THE GREAT CONCERN REFLECTED IN YOUR LETTER OF SEPTEMBER 17 ON THE PROBLEM POSED FOR THE WORLD COMMUNITY BY THE SITUATION IN NAMIBIA. I VERY MUCH APPRECIATE YOUR THOUGHTFUL WORDS REGARDING OUR
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EFFORTS TO FIND PEACEFUL AND JUST SOLUTIONS TO THE PRO-

BLEMS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA.

IN RECENT MONTHS THE UNITED STATES HAS VIGOROUSLY SOUGHT TO ASSIST THE PROCESS OF BRINGING ABOUT A MORE RAPID TRANSITION TO INDEPENDENCE AND MAJORITY RULE FOR NAMIBIA. WE HAVE CONSULTED WITH THE PARTIES INVOLVED TO TRY TO

IDENTIFY AREAS OF AGREEMENT ON WHICH A SOLUTION COULD BE BASED. MOST RECENTLY, SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER MET ON SEPTEMBER 29 WITH SAM NUJOMA, PRESIDENT OF SWAPO, TO OBTAIN HIS VIEWS ON A NAMIBIAN SETTLEMENT. OUR CONSULTATIONS ARE CONTINUING.

WE BELIEVE THAT PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE TOWARDS THE ACHIEVEMENT OF NAMIBIAN INDEPENDENCE, BUT THAT FURTHER CONSULTATIONS WILL BE REQUIRED BEFORE AN AGREEMENT CAN BE REACHED. WE HAVE FOLLOWED THE DEBATE ON NAMIBIA IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL WITH GREAT INTEREST. WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL FOR A CONSTRUCTIVE AND USEFUL OUTCOME WHICH WILL BE IN CONSONANCE WITH THE GOALS WE HAVE ALL BEEN SEEKING.

WE PLEDGE OUR CONTINUED EFFORTS TO HELP REMOVE THE REMAINING OBSTACLES TO INDEPENDENCE FOR NAMIBIA. WE WILL LEAVE NO AVENUE UNEXPLORED AS WE SEEK TO FIND AN ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION TO THIS QUESTION, WHICH IS OF SUCH IMPORTANCE TO THE FUTURE OF AFRICA AND THE WORLD AT LARGE. SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD. END TEXT

3. SIGNED ORIGINAL BEING POUCHED TO POST FOR DELIVERY. IN MEANTIME YOU SHOULD SEEK EARLY OPPORTUNITY TO DELIVER ADVANCE TEXT ABOVE AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL IN GOM. KISSINGER

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